

REMARKS

This Amendment has been prepared in response to the final Office action mailed on 10 March 2005 (Paper No. 09697044). Allowance of claims 1 through 22, 25 through 61 is noted with appreciation.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 through 22 are original claims, and claims 23 through 61 were previously added by three Amendments and one Supplemental Amendment.

By this Amendment, claims 23 and 24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Thus, claims 1 through 22 and 25 through 61 are pending in this application. As stated above, claims 1 through 22, 25 through 61 are allowed.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC § 102

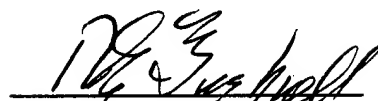
Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Beery, U.S. Patent No. 5,068,734, and claim 24 objected to for dependency upon a rejected base claim.

By this Amendment claims 23 and 24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 23 and objection of 24 no longer apply, and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that no other issues remain and that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance, and early issuance thereof is solicited. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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